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Mark MADDEN et al.

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For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING ALPHA-SUBSTITUTED CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING NITRILASES AND STRECKER REAGENTS (AS AMENDED)

Examiner: Chih-Min Kam, Ph.D.

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 15, 2006 ("the OA"), for which a response was initially due on August 15, 2006. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until November 15, 2006, is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, petition for extension of time, fee transmittal, postcard.